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Encl: (1) Basic History
(2) Narrative Annex
(3) Ship's Official Picture
(4) Family Gram dated 8 January 1974
(5) Family Gram dated 31 March 1974
(6) Family Gram dated 14 June 1974
(7) Family Gram dated 1 December 1974

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are forwarded.


J. W. BITOFF

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BASIC HISTORY

1. Commanding Officer - 18 July 1970 to 29 April 1972
CDR F. L. CARELLI
29 April 1972 to 06 October 1973
CDR R. L. SCHREADLEY
06 October 1973 to present - CDR J. W. BITOFF
2. Summary of Operations
 - 01 JAN - Inport Charleston, continuing preparations for refresher training.
 - 11 JAN - Ammunition onload at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston.
 - 12 JAN - Underway for refresher training in the Caribbean.
 - 16 JAN - Inport Roosevelt Roads, P.R., for ammunition onload and Naval Gunfire Support Brief.
 - 17 JAN - Underway for NGFS near Vieques.
 - 18 JAN - Inport Roosevelt Roads, P. R., for onload of sea sparrow and ASROC missiles and torpedoes.
 - 21 JAN - Underway for ASROC, torpedo, and missile firings in Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range.
 - 26 JAN - Port visit San Juan, P. R.
 - 30 JAN - Inport Charleston, S. C.
 - 05 FEB - Underway for refresher training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, consisting of gunnery, underway transfer, precision anchoring, rescue and assistance drills, low visibility piloting, and engineering battle problems. During this training period BLAKELY was inport Ocho Rios for a three day visit.
 - 07 MAR - Inport Charleston for Combat System Readiness Review (CSRR) and realignment and calibration (RAC-SONAR overhaul).
 - 25 MAR - Inport Charleston for Immediate Unit Commander's (IUC) Inspection, 400 cycle shipboard assistance team (SAT) inspection, weapons handling, and annual supply inspection (ASI).
 - 02 APR - Arrival of LAMPS Detachment.
 - 04 APR - Underway for LAMPS work-up and training for operational propulsion plant exam. (OPPE)
 - 11 APR - Inport Charleston for preparations for OPPE and propulsion examining board (PEB) visit.
 - 29 APR - Underway for participation in LANTREDEX 3-74.

Enclosure (1)

08 MAY - Inport Charleston for preparations for overseas movement (POM), boiler appraisal team (BAT) inspection, and (b) (3) (A)
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04 JUN - Underway for dependents cruise.

05 JUN - Inport Charleston for BAT inspection and POM.

13 JUN - Embarkation of LAMPS Detachment.

14 JUN - Underway for Atlantic transit to the Mediterranean and incho SIXTHFLEET.

24 JUN - Inport Rota, Spain for turnover from USS DAVIS (DD-937).

26 JUN - Underway for operations in Eastern and Western Mediterranean. Port visits included:
 Beaulieu, France - 30 June-05 Jul
 Naples, Italy - 04-12 Aug
 Augusta Bay, Sicily - 20 Aug-04 Sep
 Livorno, Italy - 11-24 Sep
 Tunis, Tunisia - 26-30 Sep
 Malaga, Spain - 04-08 Oct
 Naples, Italy - 14-25 Oct
 Rapallo, Italy - 30 Oct-06 Nov
 Civitavecchia, Italy - 12-20 Nov

16 JUL - Enroute Cyprus for evacuation operations.

04 SEP - Underway for SHAREM operations in Western Mediterranean.

26 SEP - Inport Tunis, Tunisia for official calls and general visiting.

14 OCT - Inport Naples for pre-overhaul test and inspection.

23 NOV - Inport Gibraltar for turnover to USS BLANDY (DD-943).

25 NOV - Underway for Atlantic transit to United States and outchop SIXTHFLEET.

02 DEC - Helo Detachment crossdeck transfer to USS DETROIT (AOR-4).

05 DEC - LAMPS fly-off; arrival Charleston, S. C.

06 DEC - Inport Charleston for standown period.

NARRATIVE ANNEX

1. BLAKELY earned the Squadron Excellence Award for both ASW and Gunnery.
2. BLAKELY also received the U. S. Navy's Chief of Information 1974 Merit Award for the third quarter of the fiscal year. The BLAKELY Family Gram has won awards every year since her commissioning; she has five CHINFO Merit Awards and three Meritorious Family Gram awards to her credit.

Enclosure (2)